**Development of ground water in Uttar Pradesh**

2717. SHRI LAUT SURI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a final decision has been taken with Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) for the development of ground water in Uttar Pradesh,

(b) if so, the extent of assistane proposed to be made available by the Agency, the share of the State Government, if any, and that of the Central Government for the venture; and

(c) the time likely to be taken for the completion of the job?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES (PROF. SAIF-UD-DIN SOZ): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. Exchange for Notes has been signed between the Governments of India and Japan on 5th January, 2006 for development of ground water in the State of Uttar Pradesh for grant assistance of Japanese Yen 603 Million (Rs. 23 crore equivalent). As per the Exchange of Notes, the State Government shall bear all the expenses, other than those covered by the grant, necessary for execution of the project.

(c) The grant assistance is to be availed from 5.1.2006 to 4.1.2007.

**Baglihar Hydro-Electric Project**

2718. SHRI T.S. BAJWA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated cost of Baglihar Hydroelectric Power Project and the time frame for completion of the project when it was conceived;

(b) the details of estimated cost and the amount expended on the project till now;

(c) whether there is any proposal with Government to hand over the project for completion to a private party;

(d) how much more funds are required to complete the project;

(e) whether Government have any proposal to black list any company that has delayed the completion of project;